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**RESPONSE TO DECISION FROM MR. LIN DISMISSING APPLICANTS' PETITION
FOR PATENT APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF INVENTOR WHO REFUSED TO
SIGN COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Sir:

This replies to the September 26, 2007 Decision from Mr. Lin, of the Office of PCT Legal Administration, dismissing without prejudice Applicants' May 11, 2007 Petition for Patent Application on behalf of the one inventor (Cruse) who had refused to sign the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, which had already been signed on October 20, 2006 by the other inventor (Nicholl).

The September 26, 2007 Decision set a 2-month term that expired on **November 26, 2007**. A Petition for an Extension of Time for 3 months, up to and including **February 26, 2008** is enclosed.

It is respectfully noted that inventor Cruse has now signed, and thus there is no need for a renewed Petition with the various items that Mr. Lin requested in his September 26, 2007 USPTO Decision.

DECLARATION OR OATH

No original signed Declaration or Oath was filed when the subject application 10/577,788 was filed.

Now being electronically submitted here along with the electronic submission of this Response is the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney as signed on October 20, 2006 by inventor Nicholl, and also as now signed on February 8, 2008 by inventor Cruse.

The Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney signed on October 20, 2006 only by inventor Nicholl was electronically submitted May 11, 2007, along with payment that date by electronic funds transfer of:

COMPLETION FEES

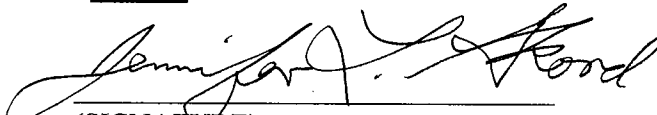
Late filing of original declaration or oath (37 CFR 1.16(e)--\$130.00; small entity--\$65.00);	\$ 65.00
Fee for 1 month extension of time	\$ 60.00
Total Completion Fees	\$ <u>125.00</u>

Thus, it is believed that there is no surcharge fee due for the late filing of the enclosed combined Declaration and Power of Attorney signed by both inventors, and thus, the only fee due is the \$525.00 (small entity) for the 3-month Extension of Time, which is being paid by electronic funds transfer.

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Although the \$525.00 (small entity) for the 3-month Extension of Time is being paid by electronic funds transfer and thus it is believed that there are no fees due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge additional fees which may be required by this paper and during the pendency of this application, or to refund any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-4365.

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Enclosures: Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, executed by Nicholl and Cruse
Petition for Extension of Time for 3 months